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SPRINGDALE TOWN BOARD

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.

TB Approved 11/19/24

1. **Call to order and certification of compliance with open meetings law** by Rosenbaum at 7PM. Quorum of TB members present at Town Hall (Rosenbaum, Schwenn, Hefty). Also present at Town Hall were Admin/Clerk Arthur, Treasurer Shatrawka, Patrolman Dahlk. Arthur confirmed posting in accordance with the open meetings law on 10/11 springdalewi.gov and 10/14 at Town Hall. Mt. Horeb Mail notified 10/11.
2. **Approval of the agenda**
3. **Minutes of previous Town Board meetings**
 - 9/17 monthly TB mtg. **MOTION** (Hefty/Schwenn) to approve with no changes. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
 - 9/18 TB mtg. **MOTION** (Schwenn/Hefty) to approve with no changes. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
 - 9/20 budget work sess. 2. **MOTION** (Hefty/Schwenn) to approve w/no changes. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
 - 9/24 TB mtg. **MOTION** (Schwenn/Hefty) to approve with no changes. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
 - 10/1 budget work sess. 3. **MOTION** (Hefty/Schwenn) to approve w/no changes. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
 - 10/7 budget work sess. 4. **MOTION** (Schwenn/Hefty) to approve w/no changes. 3 ayes, 0 nays.
4. **Mt. Horeb School District Capital Referendum Presentation from Dr. Steve Salerno, Superintendent.** Kindergarten program, inadequate learning spaces, aging infrastructure, safety and accessibility needs. Classroom size is about 400 sq ft less than industry standard. Heating and ventilation system is original to the building. Smallest building costs more to heat than other larger buildings. No thermostat. Ice damming on the 1968 roof. Study group for 6 months, decided on addition to the primary center. Over \$900,000 in grant money procured. Cost: \$34,000,000 referendum. \$.68/1,000 of equalized value. \$1.00/day on a \$500,000 home. Mill rate is \$8.11/\$1,000; 2nd lowest in comparison with the community.
5. **Consideration of ATV routes, submitted by Dave Blumer, Sugar River ATV Club.** In April, club asked for all roads to be opened up. Board asked club to narrow the request, just recently the presented list was submitted as a compromise.
 - Badger ATV club rep (DNR safety instructor), Cross Plains: certain roads, confusion for law enforcement. Police calls because people are confused whether or not an ATV is supposed to be there.
 - Wendy Dorn, Erb Rd: Town is unique with curvy roads. Consider carefully the routes for our town specifically for this reason. Feedback on what's working for other towns. Once something is in place, harder to take it away.
 - Steve Gauger, Town Hall Rd.: in favor. Easier than cars, potential there.
 - Gretchen Dahlen, Kollath Rd.: 6 areas of concern...ATVs *and* UTVs? Concerned with overall safety relative to crashes and topography.
 - Jamie Hagenow, Erb Rd.: opposed. Does the club have a petition with signatures? Who enforces the rules?
 - Steve Albert, Sharpes Corner Rd.: concern is the noise. Safety issues are valid. 2 atv's ripping up and down the road this spring at 60 mph. That sort of thing don't want to see more of. Time limits could help if this is granted.
 - Joe Karls, Coray Lane. Safety concerns are worse with bikes.
 - Yvette Kindschi, 8825 Messerschmidt. Reside in Mazo, also Springdale. Uses UTV to get around ag fields and equipment.
 - Tim, town of Cross Plains. Could put a sunset clause in the ordinance, give it a chance.

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- Lynne Westphal, Kollath (zoom). Riding on roads is discouraged from organizations of these types of vehicles.

Supervisor Hefty – sticker on the ATV advises never to operate on public roads. UTV hang tag advises the same. Not designed or intended for that. SVIA organization says off-road use only. Colby rd., shared with Town of Primrose, they're not ATV. County G is not open for ATV. Rosenbaum – state law farmers can continue to exercise their permits to go between their farms and fields. No through routes in Springdale – closed sections where residents could go.

Schwenn – mixed feelings. Son has one, permit for the farm, goes back and forth. Lots of roads have hills and curves, getting increasingly more traffic.

Rosenbaum – safety. Close enough to Middleton and Madison that there is commuter traffic than when you're further west. Hills and curves, most have default speed limit of 55, most go faster. ATVs limited to 35, concerned about mixing that traffic. Quiet nature and solitude, ATVs are noisy. Problem with opening up the whole town. Would consider an exception for Mt. Vernon. 3 ways to come in, limits drop from 55 to 30, logical place to allow them, going to the park, church, Mt. Vernon Tap, etc. Would need to get permission to open short stretch of 92. Hefty – pretty small area. Look at overall situation and design of the roads, still think it's a safety issue. Schwenn – proposed hours starting at 5AM seems too early, traffic has picked up. Hours should be shortened if we did anything, and only on weekends. Schwenn, not worth just in Mt. Vernon. No one could get there.

MOTION (Hefty/____) to close the discussion on ATV routes, and have the status quo stand into the future. No ATVs anywhere. Motion failed for lack of a second.

MOTION (Rosenbaum/____) that the town investigate opening up ATV traffic to Mt. Vernon, where speed is 30 mph or less. Motion failed for lack of a second.
No action taken.

6. Public comment. No public comment.

7. Treasurer's report: discussion of revenues, expenses and payment of the bills.

Revenues: received shared revenue in October. Transportation final payment will be received in November. Equipment sales/insurance proceeds – accident proceeds received. Repairs will be in next month's report. Interest income had 5.6%; rate will be dropping.

Expenses: nothing of note, on-track. Public safety is overbudget because of unexpected change requiring fire dues (\$16,811). Next year we are budgeting for that. Capital Outlay – expenses for town hall roof but are paying some concrete for next month. ARPA fund is closed out to fund highway and badger book expenses. Monies had to be designated by the end of 2024 and spent by end of 2026.

Bills – Accurate, hold bill until we get bill from attorney.

MOTION (Rosenbaum/Schwenn) to pay as presented except for bill for Accurate. 3 ayes, 0 nays.

8. Recognition of Supervisor Hefty's work painting garage exterior. Damage around the doors and trim, Hefty matched the existing paint and blended the new paint. Looks much better than it did. Thank you to Wayne.

9. Patrolman's report

- Report on Bakken Rd – finished, Finks did a good job.
- Grimstad Rd., - re-graded, 6 loads of gravel, fixed Cheryl Sutter's yard and put up markers so we don't plow into the yard. Next spring will look at double sealing it.
- salt shed concrete pad – did awesome job. Waited a week to drive on it. Will smooth the regrind out and will serve as a filter for any runoff. Will help with cleanup of spilled salt/sand and prevent runoff into the creek.

10. Driveway

- Thanos and Margie Tsiolis, Spring Rose Rd., 0607-254-8503-0.

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MOTION (Rosenbaum/Hefty) to approve the application, contingent on checking to ensure that the shared portion is measured and adequate.

Discussion: Hefty is the shared driveway portion adequate? Rosenbaum didn't measure but it appeared fine. Rosenbaum will measure.

No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays.

- Linus Hellenbrand, Co Hwy J, 0607-144-8000-5. Approval from the County was obtained. Linus is just looking to stub it in, doesn't require any culverts. Part 1 now, 3-5 years later part 2 could be obtained.

MOTION (Rosenbaum/Schwenn) to approve part 1 of this application off of Hwy J. 3 ayes, 0 nays.

11. Resolution 2024-10-1, a resolution to exceed the levy limit via a town meeting. Resolution needed to present the question of exceeding the levy limit to the electors in November.

MOTION (Hefty/Rosenbaum) to pass Resolution 2024-10-1 for the purpose of exceeding the levy limit for 2025 budget. No further discussion. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

12. Update on assessor firms from RFP – Rosenbaum. Haven't been happy with Accurate's job for the Town, wanting to consider other firms' bids. 3-year contract ends at the end of this year. Rosenbaum created RFP for WTA magazine that was published, state assoc. of assessors will be broadcast to their members through the state. Last time we went out for bids, we only got one from Accurate. Bids are due November 8.

13. Calendar of upcoming events

- 10/22, in-person absentee voting
- 10/28 PC meeting
- 10/29, in-person absentee voting
- 11/5, election
- 11/12 @ 7 PM, budget and town elector meeting

14. Adjournment

MOTION (Schwenn/Hefty) to adjourn at 9:10. 3 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Minutes taken and submitted by Administrator/Clerk, Jackie Arthur